

Lead Agency: Community Justice

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Family Court Services' Safety First Program helps keep victims of domestic violence and their children safe by providing supervised parenting time and safe exchange services to families impacted by domestic violence. Family Court Services will implement a new service for this population: The Safe Havens Supervised Parenting Time and Safe Exchange Program. The Office of Violence against Women (OVW) provides funds to support direct supervision and staff training.

Program Description

Upon having established the framework and foundation for The Safe Havens Supervised Parenting Time and Safe Exchange Program, FCS will begin providing supervised visitation and safe exchange services to at least 100 families a year in the tri-county area. The Safe Havens Program will accept community and court referrals; recruit, train and supervise parenting time monitors; and provide free and/or low cost monitored parenting time and safe exchanges for children and families experiencing domestic violence.

Research identifies the period in which a victim leaves a violent relationship as the highest risk period for increased violence or homicide. Multnomah and neighboring counties have experienced a significant increase in domestic violence homicides involving both victims and children over the past two years.

Research shows that witnessing domestic violence contributes to children demonstrating depression, aggression, anxiety, and school problems. Older child witnesses are more apt to tolerate violence and be involved in violent relationships. In addition, child abuse and domestic violence co-occur at an overall rate of at least 40%, making children in these families doubly at risk.

The absence of a safe visitation and exchange program in the tri-county area, the significant increase in local domestic violence homicides involving children, as well as the need to interrupt children's exposure to violence underscores the necessity of developing this vital service.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY10-11)	Current Year Purchased (FY11-12)	Current Year Estimate (FY11-12)	Next Year Offer (FY12-13)
Output	Number of families served annually	0	1,200	1,200	1,200
Outcome	Number of security incidents during supervised parenting time or exchange	0	4	4	4

Performance Measure - Description

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2012	2012	2013	2013
Personnel	\$34,591	\$45,528	\$41,869	\$83,130
Contracts	\$0	\$76,024	\$0	\$64,324
Materials & Supplies	\$99	\$3,766	\$130	\$3,810
Internal Services	\$0	\$13,158	\$0	\$15,081
Total GF/non-GF:	\$34,690	\$138,476	\$41,999	\$166,345
Program Total:	\$173,166		\$208,344	
Program FTE	0.38	0.45	0.50	0.55
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$10,000	\$0	\$11,935	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$138,476	\$0	\$166,345
Total Revenue:	\$10,000	\$138,476	\$11,935	\$166,345

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus US DOJ OVW Supervised Parenting Grant \$166,345. Award period ends 9/30/2013.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #50060A, Family Court Services - Supervised Parenting Time
This program offer reflects an increase of .22 FTE Marriage & Family Counselor Asst in FY13